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For: MAGNETISM BASED RAPID CELL
SEPARATION

Examiner: S. Snyder

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A final Office Action was mailed on April 1, 2009, for which a response is due on July 1, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.